

Senate Resolution 828

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st and Murphy of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Cumming City Council and Mayor Ford Gravitt; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Cumming has a long history and tradition of talented and dedicated
4 leaders, including Mayor Ford Gravitt and members of the Cumming City Council; and

5 WHEREAS, after serving on the Cumming City Council for four years, Mayor Gravitt took
6 the oath of office as mayor on January 1, 1971; and

7 WHEREAS, the City Council has a wealth of experience with members having served the
8 City of Cumming for decades, including Quincy Holton for 41 years, Rupert Sexton and
9 Lewis Ledbetter for 39 years, Ralph Perry for 31 years, and John D. Pugh for 18 years; and

10 WHEREAS, the Cummings Fairgrounds were established in 1995 and host several annual
11 events, including the Cumming Fair and Festival, an 11 day extravaganza with over 125,000
12 attendees; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1999, the city acquired the Cumming 1923 Historic School which was named
14 to the National Register of Historic Places and provides a historic tour of Old Cumming
15 through photographs, annuals, and historic artifacts; and

16 WHEREAS, in October, 2002, the City of Cumming dedicated a beautiful new 50,000 square
17 foot city hall that was acquired with no outstanding debt; and

18 WHEREAS, over the past several years, the city has completed various projects that have
19 improved water quality and efficiency for Cumming residents, including the expansion of
20 a water reclamation facility, the completion of an elevated water tank, and the construction
21 of a new water intake facility; and

22 WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, the City of Cumming has not assessed property taxes,
23 making it the only chartered municipal government in this state to provide high quality
24 services with no property taxes and stand debt free; and

25 WHEREAS, it is evident that the City of Cumming has prospered and become a model city
26 of efficient government, and the diligent work of the city councilmembers and the mayor is
27 worthy of recognition.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend the mayor of the City of Cumming and the city councilmembers on their selfless,
30 effective, and dedicated public service.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mayor Ford Gravitt and the City of
33 Cumming City Council.